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A RECOMMENDATION TO THE PRESIDENT

by the

NATIONAL SECURITY RESOURCES BOARD

on

SECURITY FOR THE NATION'S CAPITAL

In order to assure the continuous operation of Federal Government activities in time of emergency by providing maximum security for the Nation's capital through adequate dispersion, and on the assumption that Washington will continue to be the capital so long as it is habitable, the National Security Resources Board recommends:

- Long-Term*
1. That the Federal Works Agency, in collaboration with the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, prepare and submit to NSRB a Master Plan for the location of future Government buildings in the Washington area.
 2. That the Bureau of the Budget conduct a study to determine what Government agencies, or parts thereof, can operate least disadvantageously in office buildings in the outlying Washington area, the findings to be reviewed by the NSRB before submittal to the President.
 3. That the Bureau of the Budget also conduct a study to determine what military and other Government agencies could operate efficiently in locations completely removed from the Washington area, if the necessity arises.
 4. That the Federal Works Agency prepare plans for providing adequate secure office space, underground or otherwise protected against attack, for key Government personnel in time of war.
 5. That all future planning, civilian and military, affecting the Nation's capital conform with the Master Plan, and only those requests for new Government buildings that are in accordance with the approved plan be approved by the President.
 6. That the President inform Congress of the Master Plan and request funds necessary to implement the plan.
- to be implemented?*

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7. That against the remote contingency that Washington might have to be evacuated for unforeseeable reasons, (1) the NSRB prepare a plan for several alternate locations for the seat of Government, and (2) each department and agency prepare a plan for its orderly evacuation from Washington, the plans to be coordinated by the Federal Works Agency.

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